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Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

## Welcome home Dad!

*Alexis and Mackenzie Chambers, ages 11 and 6, reunite with their father, 1st Lt. Jason Chambers, 55th Rescue Squadron, upon his return from deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Saturday.*

## D-M police week kicks off Monday

By Staff Sgt. Troy Hawkes  
355th Wing Public Affairs

National Police Week begins Sunday in recognition of peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty, as well as those still serving.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation, which designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week.

Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge in Washington to participate in a number of planned events, which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice, according to Robert Belter, 355th Security Forces Squadron Police Services chief.

"As part of the proclamation, United States flags will be flown at half-staff Sunday," Mr. Belter said. "This week is in honor of the federal, state and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is time for us to reflect on the sacrifices our peace officers have made to ensure the safety and well-being of the public."

Security forces sacrifice not only at home, but also in support of the various operations across the globe.

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## D-M dependents receive thousands of dollars toward education

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

A total of \$22,500 was awarded to members of the Davis-Monthan community during the 2005 Scholarship Awards Banquet held May 5.

The money came from donations made by the Officers' Spouses' Club, the Enlisted Spouses' Association and First Command Financial Planning.

The money was raised by the OSC and ESA through a variety of events held throughout the year.

According to Dawn Isherwood, OSC chairperson of the scholarship committee, all applications were blind, which meant the selection committee did not know the gender or background of potential applicants. Instead, individuals were selected based a variety of factors including their grade point averages, national test scores and the essay submitted with their applications.

"Each applicant wrote an essay that focused on how being a military dependant has affected their goals,"

Mrs. Isherwood said. "In addition, each applicant was judged on their contributions to the military and civilian community."

To ensure the process was as fair as possible, the selection committee was comprised of educators who instructed at the college level.

"I can not thank the judges enough for all of their hard work during this process," Mrs. Isherwood said. The judges took all 31 applicants and looked at each aspect to find the best out of the group.

Applicants were notified if they had received a scholarship, but the exact amount was kept secret until the awards ceremony.

When Staff Sgt. Pernell Wall, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron Avionics Sensors Production supervisor, learned his wife, Annette, had received a \$1,000 scholarship, he said he was very excited.

"I think it is extremely helpful that the Air Force puts something like this

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### The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,360.8	776.8	2,449.2	162nd OSB	1,402.4	1,455.3	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,400.4	1,355.2	2,350.8	354th FS	6,943.9	6,861.7	11,296.5
55th RQS	1,836.5	1,681.2	2,880.0	357th FS	5,364.0	5,401.8	8,966.0
79th RQS	1,102.4	1,025.8	1,451.0	358th FS	5,358.0	5,386.0	8,948.0

### Pilot training as of Monday

357th FS		358th FS	
05 BBD	4 days	05 CBD	-2.3 days
05 CID	-25 days	05 DRQ	-3.5 days
05 CRQ	-19 days	05 DID	0.5 days

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes in training.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, surveys the finishing touches on the Swan Road Gate from an asphalt lay-down machine May 6.

### Maintenance of running path

**Concern:** There is an excessive amount of large rocks and debris on the new running track around the flightline. I suspect that there are ATVs kicking the rocks onto the path. These rocks are dangerous for runners, bikers and for

anyone on rollerblades who would like to use the trail. Can something be done to keep the path free from debris?

**Response:** Thank you for letting us know about the excessive rocks on this path.

We are not sure how the rocks were blown onto the track but we cleared the track of these rocks this past weekend.

The length of the track and the weight of the standard sweeping equipment makes it difficult to sweep daily; however, the fitness staff is working with the Extra Duty Flight and other groups to ensure the track is maintained at the safest possible level for our runners and rollerbladers.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Capt. Sirena Morris, 355th Services Squadron, at 228-6908.

### Dining facility hours of operation

**Concern:** I live in the dorms, and with our mandatory group physical training at 6:30 a.m., I miss morning meals several times a week. I do not think it would be wise to eat before PT, and there are not a lot of options to take food on the go for breakfast.

Is there any way morning hours could be extended to make sure everyone has the opportunity to get breakfast?

I know my squadron is not the only one with morning PT.

**Response:** Thank you for your concerns regarding the PT program and the dining facility. I commend you on your commitment to the Air Force Fit-to-Fight program.

The Food Service Staff conducted research and analysis just two months ago and found that the majority of our breakfast customers are between 5:15 a.m. and 6:15 a.m. We also asked the first sergeants and several polled their personnel; all agreed that the current hours were acceptable.

Furthermore, we have revamped our Grab-and-Go breakfasts which includes bagels, cereal, pop tarts, fruits, yogurt and assorted breakfast bars; all of which can be picked up prior to your 6:30 a.m. PT session.

The Food Service Staff prides itself in being the foundation of developing and nurturing our Airmen. They work extremely hard to ensure that you are provided an opportunity to receive the nutrients you need to be ready to fight when ordered.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Capt. Sirena Morris, 355th Services Squadron, at 228-6908.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: [355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*.

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Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Clinic.....	228-2930	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Commissary.....	228-3116	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Family Support.....	228-5690	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-002	Services.....	228-5596
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Transportation.....	228-3584
Housing Office.....	228-3687		

## D-M Team Mission Spotlight



The 355th Wing Inspector General acts as the "eyes and ears" of the 355th Wing commander. The IG keeps the commander informed of any areas of potential concern.

Additionally, the inspector general functions as the ombudsman, fact finder and honest broker in the resolution of complaints and related investigations for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

The inspector general also acts as the advocate and publicist for the Air Force Complaints and Fraud, Waste and Abuse programs. They also promote, educate and train commanders and members of the base population on how to use the Air Force Inspector General system.

Col. Scott Hines, 355th Wing Inspector General, reviews source documents. Anyone may file a complaint if they reasonably believe inappropriate conduct has occurred or a violation of law, policy, procedure or regulation has been committed.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

## D-M Airman earns Purple Heart

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Airman 1st Class Jason Nelson, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, pose for the camera after Airman Nelson received a Purple Heart. An IED exploded near Airman Nelson while he was in Iraq performing convoy duties, injuring his arm.

# Officials release BRAC information today, provide additional guidance

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The secretary of defense is expected to announce the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list during a press conference today.

Air Force officials said they understand the effect BRAC can have on servicemembers, retirees, employees and their families.

To assist people with vital BRAC information, the Air Force will provide a toll-free number, (888) 473-6120, for military and civilian members affected by the BRAC list. Besides the toll-free phone number, the Air Force has an informative BRAC Web page at [www.af.mil/brac](http://www.af.mil/brac).

"This number will be available starting (today) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT until further notice," said Col. Thomas Fleming, Air Force BRAC response-cell director. "We will have trained people from 10 different Air Force organizations to answer or assist with any questions people may have."

Airmen can seek information through their chain of command. They may also contact the public affairs office at their nearest Air Force installation.

BRAC is the congressionally-authorized process the Department of Defense uses to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support its forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business.

"People are our most valuable asset; and though BRAC is a careful and impartial analysis, people will be affected," Colonel Fleming said. "We care about our people, and we want to keep our people informed and provide them the best possible information on the changes that will affect them."

The Air Force Web page will have a breakdown of affected bases from the BRAC list, said Jeff Whitted, Air Force News Service operations division chief.

"We will also have links to frequently asked questions, news articles and DoD and Air Force information concerning BRAC," he said. "As we receive new information, we will post it to this page."

Local communities surrounding these installations will also be affected. Communities can address their concerns with the president's commission at regional BRAC commission meetings or by contacting the commission at (703) 699-2950 for more information. Phone hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.

The BRAC process will take months to be finalized. The secretary of defense's BRAC recommendations are not final. The president's BRAC commission will review the list for conformity with the office of the Secretary of Defense's force structure plan and published selection criteria and report its findings and conclusions to the President by Sept. 8.

## News Notes

### Commissary case lot sale

The Davis-Monthan commissary will hold a case lot sale today through Sunday. Products will be sold in bulk quantities at greater than average discounted rates. For more information, contact Jerry Copenhefer at 790-4341 or [jerry.copenhefer@deca.mil](mailto:jerry.copenhefer@deca.mil).

### Housing office closure

The housing office will be closed May 20 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an office function. For emergencies, call housing maintenance at 228-8600.

### Parking lot at Inn to close

Reconstruction of the parking lot in front of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Inns Lodging Facility, Building 2350, will begin May 31. For more information, contact the Davis-Monthan Inns Lodging Facility Office at 228-1500.

### AETC briefing comes to D-M

The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Assignment Team will host a Special Duty Assignment briefing for individuals interested in becoming a Recruiter, Military Training Instructor, Military Training Leader, Technical Training Instructor or Professional Military Education Instructor Thursday in the First Term Airman's Center, Building 4101 at 8:30 a.m.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring the completed application with them to the briefing.

To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, contact the Wing Career Advisor, Senior Master Sgt. Crystle Flowers, at 228-0141.

### Overseas assignment listing

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas requirements for the January to March 2006 cycle is now available online. Preferences must be updated by May 20. To view the listing, visit the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>.

### Claims for or against the estate

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Senior Airman Ryan K. Blalock, deceased, assigned to 563rd Maintenance Squadron, should contact, 1st Lt. Shaun M. McGowan, the Summary Court Officer, at 228-2136.

### Terrorism history

May 20, 1990, a lone Israeli gunman killed eight Arab laborers in Rishon LeZiyyon, south of Tel Aviv. Nine workers were injured. The gunman was identified as a discharged Israeli soldier.

# Wing gets new command chief

## New chief shares goals, expectations while at D-M

By Staff Sgt. Cat Casaigne  
355th Wing Public Affairs

As one chief retires, another one steps in to take his place today in the wing's top enlisted position.

Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley joined the D-M team to fill Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb's shoes as the new command chief April 29. Chief Cobb will retire today.

Chief Talley said he has been impressed by what he has heard and seen from D-M so far.

"I want to become a member of the Desert Lightning Team and make it better than I found it," he said. "I've heard such great reports about the community; I just want to discover what it has to offer."

In June, Chief Talley will hit his 27th anniversary of Air Force service. With all that time under his belt, he has a lot of advice for enlisted Airmen, especially during this time of high operations tempo with deployments.

"We need to stay mission ready and focused so we can perform at peak capability if we are called upon to perform our wartime mission," he said. "Our training and peacetime work ethic has to build a performance level that will produce in a wartime scenario. Many D-M enlisted Airmen

know this already, as they are consistently called to deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq."

As a 14-year senior NCO who was also a first sergeant, Chief Talley said his most memorable moments are those where he saw one of his troops succeed. As a command chief, he said he will be visible and approachable, which is the most important thing in any first sergeant or chief position.

"Airmen here can expect me to take an issue on and get them an answer or tell them why we can't pursue it any further," he said. "Most of the time Airmen just want to be able to voice their issue or frustration. Many times they find the right answer in downloading their perspective."

Chief Talley said that thus far, his favorite assignment was his previous one — Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea as the command chief.

"The mission (at Kunsan) is easy to focus on and the troops on and off-duty ties in with the overall morale of the unit," he said. "No place in the Air Force will you find what is at Kunsan. There's a sense of belonging at the work center, unit and wing level. I've heard the 355th Wing is a tight unit that has some of those attributes and I'm looking forward to becoming part of that."

The new command chief said he was happy to hear of his assignment to D-M.

"I looked forward to coming here because of the mission and the great things I've heard about the base and Tucson," Chief Talley said. "I know when I was deployed with the D-M troops to Iraq, I got to work with some of the



Courtesy photo

finest Airmen in our Air Force today. They loved what they were doing and did it well, even with missile attacks and missing their families. I knew last year if I ever had the opportunity to join the D-M team, I'd jump at the chance."

Chief Talley said he can not wait to get to work and make D-M an even better place.

"I just look forward to supporting the enlisted corps of D-M and doing the best I can to take care of the troops and their families," he said. "The D-M team is already a great team and I just need to do my part to make sure the enlisted issues are visible and focused on at all levels. The NCO corps has always been the backbone of the Air Force and we just need to make sure that the D-M Team NCOs are at the forefront of taking care of their mission, their troops, and their families. I'm coming in as a humble chief who relishes the chance to join a great Air Force team."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Peace officers bow their heads in remembrance of their fallen comrades at the Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Service. The service took place Monday at the U.S. Border Patrol compound, located just outside the Swan Road Gate.

## Police

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"Police week offers an opportunity for our unit to come together as one to recognize not only our fallen brothers in arms, but also to identify the mission we as security forces undertake at home and on foreign soil," Mr. Belter said. "With the high ops tempo security forces are subjected to, it is imperative we show the respect and honor we have for them. This week is a perfect chance to take time out of your schedule and tell a cop 'thank you.'"

Police week also builds morale within the security forces, according to Mr. Belter.

"Sometimes in the shuffle of the daily grind, the unique aspects of security forces become lost. Police week extends the opportunity to share the pride, history and traditions of security forces. It also provides us an opportunity to build esprit de corps and camaraderie."

The 355th SFS is honoring National Police Week with several activities, according to Lt. Col. Shannon Jurrens, 355th SFS commander. Local police agencies and security forces

will conduct a retreat ceremony at the base flag Monday. The combat arms and mobility sections of security forces will set up a weapons and equipment display at the Base Exchange Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Security forces are hosting a charity golf tournament Wednesday. The start time is 1 p.m. and all proceeds will be donated to security forces and COPS memorial funds. In addition, a child safety seat seminar will take place Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Desert Dove chapel.

All the activities planned for National Police Week are geared toward education and becoming closer as members of the Desert Lightning Team.

"As security forces, we are in the protection business," Colonel Jurrens said. "We protect people and resources, but we can't do it alone. Police week is an opportunity to build relationships with two other groups that help us accomplish our mission: members of the Davis-Monthan community and local law enforcement officers."

For more information about the charity golf tournament, contact Mr. Belter at 228-2109. For more information about the child safety seat seminar, contact Mr. Peter DeLillo at 228-4333.

# Scholarships

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together," Sergeant Wall said. "The scholarship is great for us and for our family. We hope to benefit from this scholarship and to give back to the community one day."

Ms. Hall plans to use the money to pay for school at Pima Community College before transferring to the University of Arizona to get a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

Another future PCC student who also received a \$1,000 scholarship was Lauren Berlanga, daughter of Yvonne and Tech. Sgt. Darren Shevchuk, 12th Air Force financial analyst. With a full basketball scholarship, Lauren plans to use the money to help pay for books.

"We thought this award was extremely generous and much more than we expected," Sergeant Shevchuk said.

Eneida Orci-Lennan, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Michael Lennan, 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron A-10 Maintenance instructor, won a \$1,500 scholarship she plans to use to obtain a master's degree in education from Northern Arizona University.

This money will help her become a principal someday, Sergeant Lennan said.

Darren Scott, son of Cindy and Col. Wayne Scott, 612th Air Communications Squadron commander, won a \$2,000 scholarship he plans to use

towards obtaining a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Arizona.

"I suppose that wishful thinking had led me to expect to win some sort of an award, but the amount that I was actually awarded was beyond anything that I had in mind when I applied," Darren said.

"We were extremely shocked and very pleased when Darren's name was announced as the winner of that scholarship," Colonel Scott said.

Darren shared similar gratitude felt by many of the other award recipients.

"The base scholarship program is a prime example of the military family," Darren said. "What it really portrays is different people involved in the military coming through for each other. That's what it comes down to. They don't have to help out poor high school seniors like myself, but they do it because we find, in the Air Force, a common bond with each other, and I am eternally grateful for their willingness to put in the time and effort to help out students like myself."

A total of 16 scholarships were awarded including 13 to children of active-duty Airmen, retirees or reservists. The other three awards went to spouses.

The smallest award amount was \$1,000 and the largest was \$3,000.

"This program helps us recognize outstanding military students at Davis-Monthan and in Tucson," Mrs. Isherwood said. "It is a way to wrap our arms around military family members, both children and spouses. These people face the challenges

of the military including multiple moves and (deployments). The scholarship program is a way we can work together to help them with their continued education."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Rita Edmonds, Officers' Spouses' Club president (left), presents Jacob Thelen, son of Michele and (Ret.) Capt. Daniel Thelen, 355th Contracting Squadron, a \$1,000 scholarship from donations made by the OSC, the Enlisted Spouses' Association and First Command Financial Planning. A total of \$22,500 was awarded to 16 dependents from the Davis-Monthan community during the 2005 Scholarship Awards Banquet May 5.



# CRIME & Punishment

## Davis-Monthan Articles 15, discharges April 18 through May 6

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman first class for **failing to report a minor vehicle accident**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeitures of \$266, restriction to the limits of D-M for 30 days and 45 days extra duty for **reporting late to duty on several occasions**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 357th Fighter Squadron received restriction to the limits of D-M for 30 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to attend mandatory physical training and lying to a supervisor**. These were violations of Articles 86 and 107 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand for **failing to report for duty on time and being drunk on duty**. These were violations of Articles 86, 107 and 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended re-

duction to airman for **failing to return to duty after an appointment**. This was a violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Operations Support Squadron received a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand for **riding on a motorcycle without protective equipment**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman from the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman first class, a suspended reduction to airman and 45 days extra duty for **driving with suspended driving privileges and being drunk and disorderly**. These were violations of Articles 92 and 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th CMS received a reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty for **failing to attend mandatory training and failing a dorm inspection**. These were violations of Articles 86 and 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron was **discharged** with a general service characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions** supported by two Article 15s, four Records of Individual Counseling and a Letter of Reprimand.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th AMXS was **discharged** with an honorable service character-

ization for **unsatisfactory performance**, specifically for Failure to Progress on On-the-Job Training, supported by two Career Development Course End-of-Course examination failures and one Letter of Reprimand.

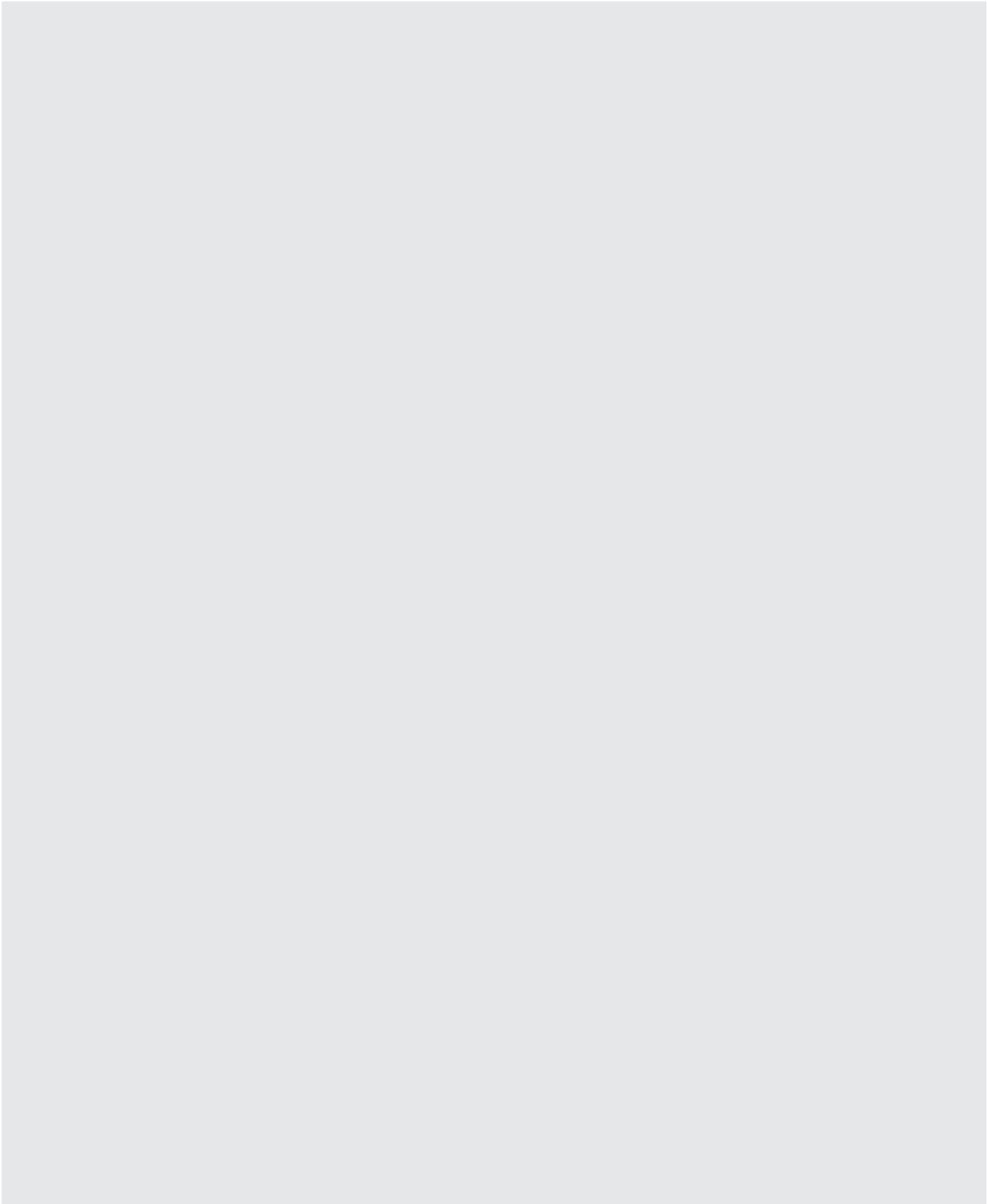
◆ A senior airman from the 355th AMXS was **discharged** with a general characterization for a **pattern of misconduct** supported by two Article 15s, a Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling.

◆ A senior airman from the 355th OSS was **discharged** with an honorable characterization for an **adjustment disorder**.

◆ An airman first class from the 355th SFS was **discharged** with a general service characterization for **unsatisfactory performance**, specifically for failure to perform duties properly supported by the permanent withdrawal to bear arms, which resulted in the disqualification to hold the 3P051 Air Force Specialty Code, two Letters of Reprimand, one Article 15 and a Letter of Counseling.

## Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

Did you know that if you have received several Letters of Reprimand and Letters of Counseling, they could be used as part of the basis for an involuntary separation from the Air Force with a less than honorable discharge? If you have questions, contact the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.





Airman 1st Class Phillip Norton, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution operator, performs a visual sample to see if the fuel is clean and clear.

## Davis-Monthan Airmen help to refuel Baghdad

Story and photos by  
Senior Airman Colleen Wronek  
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq** — Facing desert temperatures at all hours of the day, the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight keeps the mission flying.

"We provide clean, dry and the highest quality of aviation and ground fuels to assigned and transient aircraft," said Master Sgt. Ty Jackson, 332nd ELRS fuels manager deployed from Robins Air Force Base, Ga. "We also provide other fuel services."

The flight delivers JP-8 to aircraft, issues diesel to generators and power plants on base so Airmen can have electricity, issues liquid oxygen and liquid nitrogen for cryogenics requests, and maintains a fuel bladder farm to support all mission requirements. Additionally, they special-deliver fuels to other sites and are the main source for aviation gasoline in Iraq. Aviation gasoline is the fuel that powers unmanned-aerial vehicles, such as the Predator.

The flight is from Davis-Monthan. "Having the same people we work with at home is helpful because all of

us know what our roles are in meeting mission requirements," Sergeant Jackson said. "All fuel and cryogenic requests are received and processed by the Resource Control Center and the information is relayed to the refueling unit operators, who immediately deliver it to the customer."

The flight monitors and samples their fuel to ensure it is suitable for use in aircraft.

"When we receive fuel it is placed into bladders, which hold the fuel until it is transferred to fuel trucks. Once the fuel is in the truck, it is ready to be issued to the aircraft," Sergeant Jackson said. "While the fuel is in the bladders, the fuel is stringently sampled periodically for quality control, ensuring the fuel meets specifications."

Because fuel is a dangerous substance, the vehicles carrying the fuel to the aircraft have to be in good condition and safe.

"I help keep the fuels mission going by ensuring the general safety of the vehicles and equipment," said Senior Airman Lucas Chessier, 332nd ELRS fuels preventative maintenance supervisor deployed from D-M. "I conduct daily inspections of special and general purpose fuel vehicles, but sometimes certain problems with the trucks can't be reproduced, so I go



Senior Airman Amy Finkelbeiner, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels laboratory technician, performs a quality analysis on an R-14 fuel stand. The flight monitors and samples their fuel to ensure it is suitable for use in aircraft.

with the refuelers to the aircraft to figure out the problem. It's been an educational experience and I have gotten opportunities that I don't get stateside."

Sergeant Jackson said the fuels

Airmen work as hard as anyone in all types of conditions.

"The fuels Airmen are known as the unsung heroes of the flight line," he said. "Our motto says 'Without POL, pilots are pedestrians.'"





Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Senior Airman Wyatt Rhoden, 355th Security Forces Squadron, competes in the 2004 Tucson area K-9 trials with Military Working Dog Ralf. A working dog demonstration is one of the many displays dependents will see during the PDF, Jr. May 21.

# PDF, Jr. offers knowledge

*Kids, spouses have a chance to process through lines, see demonstrations May 21*

**By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base active-duty family members can participate in a mobility line scheduled to take place May 21 in Building 4859.

This nurtures and develops our Airmen by giving the children and spouses a better idea of what their parents or spouses are doing when they are called up in the middle of the night to go through mobility processing, said Capt. Liza Theriault, 355th Mission Support Squadron Acting Military Personnel Flight Commander. "It shows them what deployments are all about. They get to see the gear, hear the briefings and meet people who get them to their deployed location."

"Families will get a up close look at the mobility machine, first getting to walk through Build-

ing 4859, see supply loading the bags, get fingerprinted by the 355th Security Forces Squadron, see a chaplain's and medical display, option to buy an MRE from Services, handle the security forces weapons on display, see a working dog demonstration and get a tour of working vehicles on base from the Security Force Squadron and the Fire Department," Capt. Theriault said. "While it's not the same as a real mobility line, it gets them into the building and the spirit of deployments."

"(The PDF, Jr.) fosters a better understanding of what Air and Space Expeditionary Force is really all about," Capt. Theriault said, "which should put some ease into their hearts and minds when mom or dad are getting ready to leave."

Members interested in the participating in the PDF, Jr. are encouraged to bring a camera to the event and to sign up soon through the Family Support Center, as there is limited space.

The PDF, Jr. is hosted by the Mission Support Squadron, but is a collaborative effort within the wing to include, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Services Squadron, Security Forces Squadron, Civil Engineer Squadron, base chapel and the Medical Group.

For more information or to enroll in one of three PDF, Jr. sessions (8, 9 or 10 a.m.) contact Veronica Bedy at the Family Support Center at 228-5690.

# Leadership styles impact lives of Airmen

By Senior Master Sgt. Ivette Murphy  
355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

In my opinion, inadequate leadership ranks among one of the most-cited reasons that quality military members are getting out of the service today. With deployments at an all-time high and manning at an unprecedented low, the Air Force functions on effective leadership.

Today, we need leaders who are authentic and approachable.

Authenticity and approachability are key ingredients in maximizing worker performance and the mission. Could you see yourself working for an untrustworthy and unapproachable leader in this high-operations tempo environment? Maybe you would feel a little uncomfortable.

In my opinion, the best leaders are the ones who are authentic by demonstrating competency in their words and deeds. They simply are who they are. They do not pretend to put on a face or act in a different way when they are put into a leadership role. They are confident in their leadership and management abilities and themselves, yet they understand their own weaknesses.

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Senior Master Sgt. Ivette Murphy,  
355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

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Authentic leaders lead with purpose, meaning and values. They build enduring relationships with their subordinates. Their troops will follow them because they know where they stand. I have personally witnessed and incorporated this positive attribute into my own personal leadership toolkit and have seen firsthand how individuals respond when their superior is truly genuine.

The approachability leadership attribute is about getting out from behind your desk and walking around checking in on your troops from time to time. An often, most-neglected leadership

attribute in today's environment of technology is getting to know your troops and show sincere interest in their careers and personal lives. An approachable leader works hard at getting out, learning their troop's names and expressing a genuine interest in what is going on in their lives. They visit their troops' dorms and dining facilities and see how their basic needs are being met.

Every time someone new is assigned to your unit, do not just discuss what time they are required to report to work or what is expected of their personal appearance, ask them some simple questions about what they like to do and how their family is doing. Additionally, have casual conversations at squadron morale events or while on break.

Authenticity builds an atmosphere of trust through persistent, consistent leadership. Approachability motivates your troops to work harder to meet the goals of their unit. To be successful in the Air Force as a leader you must have authenticity and approachability in your leadership toolbox. This will help your subordinates to grow into future Air Force leaders. You must subscribe to these beliefs to keep the Air Force viable.

## D-M Mentorship Memos

### University of Arizona Sign Language Association

The University of Arizona Sign Language Association is in need of volunteers to bake goods or run booths at events. The SLA has planned a 10-day trip to Los Michos, Mexico, Saturday to visit and assist the School for the Deaf. Students attending the school do not have enough money to afford basic school supplies. The goal of the SLA is to raise money to help the school. They would like to raise another \$1,000 before Saturday to help the school children. Anyone interested in more infor-

mation about volunteering, the trip or the conditions of the school and its students should contact Carmen Haber at [chaber@cox.net](mailto:chaber@cox.net).

### 4-H volunteer opportunities

4-H offers volunteer opportunities both on- and off-base. Opportunities available off-base are much broader and include anything from one-time to long-term leadership positions. Anyone who wants more information in Tucson or the surrounding areas can call Kathy Sands at the Youth Center at 228-8373.

## Final Answer

Who do you think will win the NBA championship?



**1st Lt.  
Daniel Bass**  
355th Air  
Intelligence Squadron

*"The Miami Heat will win. They have a great supporting cast with Eddie Jones, Alonzo Mourning and Damon Jones as well as smart role players, and the best one-two combo in the league: Shaquille O'Neal and Dwayne Wade."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
Jon Hix**  
355th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron

*"The Phoenix Suns will because Michael Jordan isn't around to spoil it this time!"*



**Staff Sgt.  
Arnold Alcazar**  
355th Mission  
Support Squadron

*"I think the Miami Heat will win — they've got Shaq and Flash (Duane Wade)."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
John Lane**  
355th Services  
Squadron

*"The Phoenix Suns will win, they are quick and play together as a team. Nobody wants to run with them or try to out shoot them. If their defense can pick up the pace they should be able to beat anyone this year."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
Richard Barnes**  
355th Aircraft  
Maintenance Unit

*"I hope the Phoenix Suns win, because that's my team."*



**Staff Sgt.  
Joel Johnson**  
355th Communication  
Squadron

*"Barring any unforeseen injuries, the Phoenix Suns should be able to take it all. This is their year. I mean really: Nash, Stoudemire, and the 2005 Finals X-Factor Marion. That should sum it all up."*



# ALS teaches leadership roles

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from Airman Leadership School class 05-D graduated April 28.

All senior airmen in the Air Force are required to attend ALS before they can be promoted to staff sergeant and take the title of NCO.

The ALS curriculum is divided into three portions, said Staff Sgt. Michael Kaczmarek, 355th Mission Support Squadron ALS flight instructor.

The first portion is leadership, which is broken further into two sections, leadership and human resources. In this phase, Airmen learn about things like the roles of NCOs, the foundation of leadership and how to set standards for their troops.

The second portion is profession of arms, Sergeant Kaczmerak said. Airmen in this phase review lessons like Laws of Armed Conflict and drill. Learning drill not only gives Airmen a chance to brush up on their skills and enables them to march their flights as well.

The third portion is communication, Sergeant Kaczmerak said. In this portion, Airmen learn about writing professional letters, public speaking, counseling and feedback.

"It's good for people to see how things are

supposed to be done," Sergeant Kaczmerak said. It also shows them what the Air Force expects of them as leaders.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who graduated from ALS:

**41st Electronic Combat Squadron:** Senior Airman Anthony Elevi and Staff Sergeant Nathaniel Roberts; **43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:** Senior Airman Christopher Scruggs and Senior Airman Cody Wilton; **355th Aerospace Medical Squadron:** Senior Airman Maribel Alvarado; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Michael Carrasquillo, Senior Airman Loren Cossette, Senior Airman Scott Klusman and Senior Airman Brent Stokes; **355th Civil Engineer Squadron:** Senior Airman Brian Dwyer, Senior Airman Miguel Garcia and Senior Airman Travis Paxton; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Harry Abplanalp, Senior Airman John Comeens, Senior Airman Richard Gamez, Senior Airman Timothy Goss, Staff Sergeant Robert Slovensky and Senior Airman Sean Trowbridge; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Carrie Allen, Senior Airman Richard Bartlett, Senior Airman William Davies, Senior Airman Joshua Goerss, Senior Airman Dominick Johnson, Senior Airman Francisco Mateo, Senior

Airman Martha McKinley, Senior Airman Jeremy Noorlun and Senior Airman James Smeltzer; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Senior Airman John Ary, Senior Airman Corriisa Cushingham, Senior Airman Souphab Sisouvanvong and Senior Airman Dumaka Thomas; **355th Maintenance Operations Squadron:** Senior Airman Christopher Biggers; **355th Services Squadron:** Senior Airman Samantha Bustraan and Senior Airman Alandra Respress; **563rd Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Jon Earnist, Senior Airman Michael Lewis, Senior Airman Dennice Oliva and Senior Airman Kenneth Williamson; **612th Air Communications Squadron:** Senior Airman Rashaan Thomas; **612th Air Intelligence Squadron:** Senior Airman William Bustraan; **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Senior Airman Xzavious Jeffrey and **755th Operations Support Squadron:** Senior Airman David Yardley.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who received special awards: **John L. Levitow Award:** Airman Yardley, 755th OSS; **Distinguished Graduates:** Airman Cossette, 355th AMXS; Airman Johnson, 355th EMS; Airman Wilton, 43rd ECS; **Academic Award:** Airman Wilton, 43rd ECS and **Leadership Award:** Airman Goerss, 355th EMS.



## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Tech. Sgt. Rick Poppe of the 355th Aerospace Medical Squadron. Sergeant Poppe is the NCO in charge of the bioenvironmental engineering flight. According to the superintendent of the 355th Medical Group, Chief Master Sgt. Scott Giordano, Sergeant Poppe was nominated for the spotlight because he, "runs a tight ship and produces solid NCOs. He is definitely an asset to the (355th) Medical Group, (355th) Wing, and the Air Force."

The following are Sergeant Poppe's responses to a variety of questions.

**What are your favorite hobbies and outside activities:** Camping, hunting, fishing and watching my kids play sports.  
**What do you like best about D-M?** I like all the different activities the base provides the children. I have three kids ranging from five to 13 years old and regardless (of) the age there's always something for them to do.  
**What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force?** My most memorable moment was returning home (Guam) from a deployment in Kuwait. It was just a great feeling seeing my wife and daughter waiting



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

at the airport with the rest of the dependents.  
**Where is your favorite place to go in Tucson?** My favorite place to go is Tucson Electric Park, the home of the Tucson Sidewinders Baseball Club.

## Chiefs' Group announces April Sharp Troops

Congratulations to the following Airmen at Davis-Monthan who were selected as the Chiefs' Group Sharp Troops for the month of April.

### 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Linda Hodgson  
 Staff Sgt. William Jones

### 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Kristopher Peacock

### 355th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Nancy Littleton

### 355th Wing

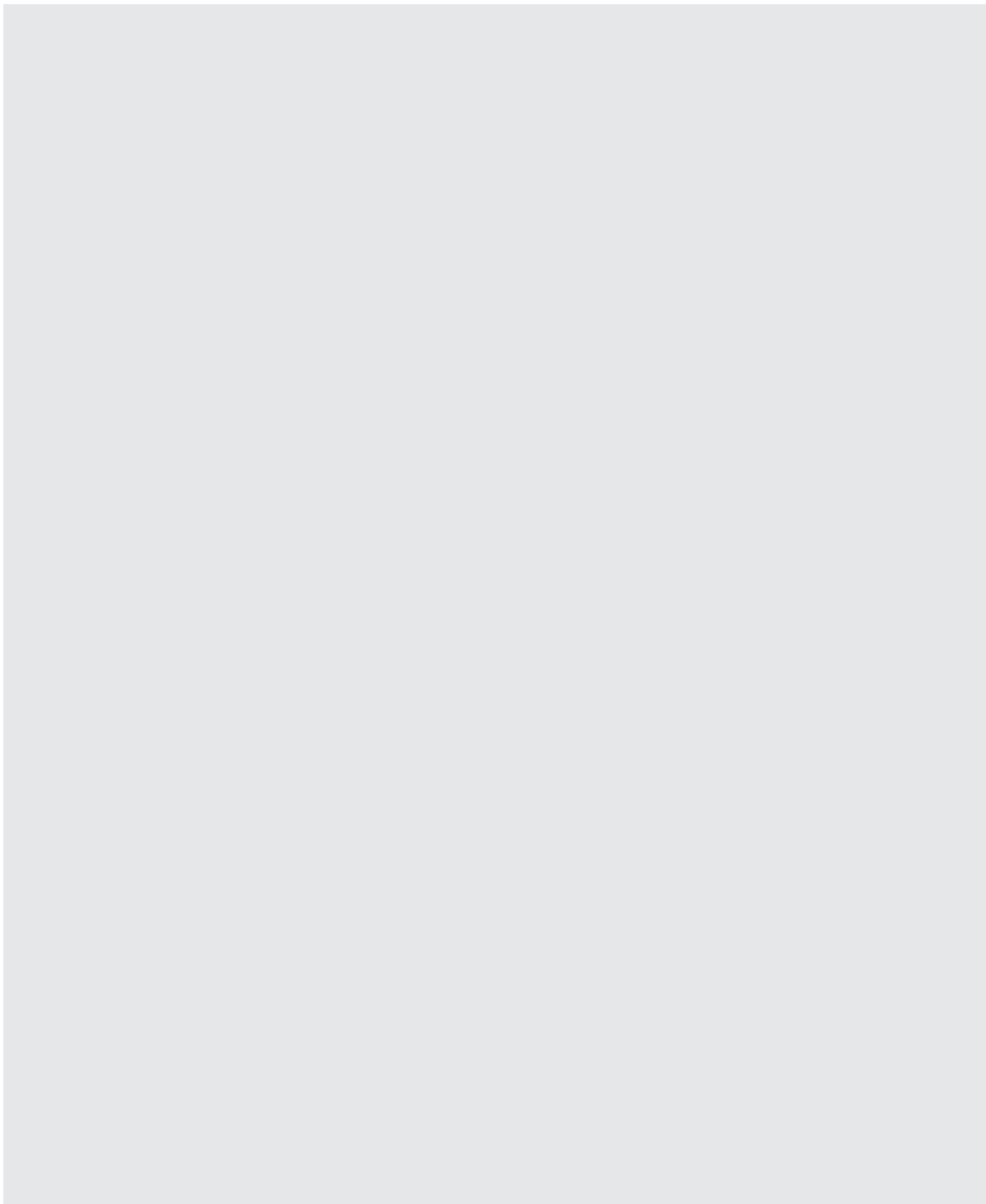
Staff Sgt. Ivana-Celeste Gavino

### 612th Air Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Helen Adams

### 612th Combat Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Christopher Massingill





# Hooty Hoo!

## Outgoing command chief shares 26 years of lessons learned

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

**The Desert Airman:** How long have you been in the Air Force?

**Chief Master Sergeant Keith Cobb, outgoing 355th Wing command chief:** I have been in 26 years.

**DA:** When you began as an Airman in Basic Military Training, did you think you would go as far as you did?

**Chief Cobb:** I had no clue, no idea how far I would go. When I first started, my full intent was to do four years and get out. I wanted to learn a trade. When I got to Basic Military Training, after the first week, I called home to my mom and begged her to let me come back. I was ready to go home. I was going to get out of the Air Force every time I reenlisted, even at the 15-year mark. I bought my shadow box for my retirement in 2001. But I have learned the Air Force is a service that meets a higher calling, and it's that calling that has kept me going for 26 years. It's a calling to serve, to take care of the men and women who're ready and willing to die for their country at any given notice.

**DA:** Obviously your aspirations and your goals in the Air Force have changed over the years.

**Chief Cobb:** Yes, I found that hard work and honesty go a long way in the Air Force. Making chief master sergeant was not a goal, but it became an aspiration as I found that hard work was rewarded.

**DA:** What did you like most about your job as command chief?

**Chief Cobb:** I liked the people the most. Being able to take care of people is what it's all about. Serving others is what we should all be about. It is fulfilling to take care of somebody, and that's what I did. It feels good. The job made me feel good; it made my heart feel good. The truth is when I'm with other Airmen it makes me feel good. I feel good for having been with them, for having served with them and will continue to feel good being a part of the Air Force family even in retirement.

**DA:** What were your most memorable moments since you enlisted?

**Chief Cobb:** My most memorable moment was my first deployment to Aviano Air Base in Italy to work on F-4s in 1980. Other memorable moments were when I was promoted to staff sergeant, master sergeant and chief.

**DA:** What is it about those three ranks that were so memorable for you?

**Chief Cobb:** With staff sergeant, it was becoming an NCO; with master it was becoming a senior NCO; and with chief master sergeant it was making it to the top one percent of the United States Air Force enlisted corps.

**DA:** What are your proudest moments in the Air Force?

**Chief Cobb:** I have a bullet in my Enlisted Performance Report that makes me really proud.

*"Hooty Hoo is a festival that takes place every year in Thomasville, North Carolina to bring in the spring. It's about the birds chirping and the bees humming. It's how I feel everyday serving with you. Hooty Hoo."*

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb,  
outgoing 355th Wing command chief

My single best bullet was when one of my Airmen was named Airman of the Year, one of my NCOs was the Lt. General Leo Marquez Maintenance Award Winner of the Year and my senior NCO was the Lance P. Sijan Leadership Senior NCO of the Year. That means I was doing my job, taking care of my Airmen. That's the best bullet — that my troops won.

**DA:** Do you have any regrets?

**Chief Cobb:** I have no regrets, life is way too good. Wow, life is great! It doesn't get any better than this!

**DA:** Why are you retiring?

**Chief Cobb:** I am in the best job in the United States Air Force. I have reached the pinnacle of my career. I work for the greatest boss in the world, Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander; I am in the greatest wing that I have been a part of in my 26 years and I am in a great city, the city of Tucson. There are great men and women serving in the Air Force right now, young Airmen, that are much better than I was. They will carry on and help the Air Force to continue to be the greatest air and space power in the world. I am retiring in the prime of my game. I'm on top; why not?

**DA:** What is the most important thing you've learned while in the Air Force?

**Chief Cobb:** There are four keys to success: How to look, how to act and watch what you say and how you say it. And if you do those four things, you'll be successful. But more important than any of them, the most important characteristic an individual can have in life is be honest. Be honest with yourself and the people around you. That is what I've learned in the Air Force in the past 26 years.

**DA:** What is the best advice you've received while in the Air Force?

**Chief Cobb:** At eight years, I was getting out and my wife made me stay. At 12 years, I was getting out, and my supervisor convinced me to stay. At 15 years, I was going to take the 15-year retirement and a retired chief convinced me to stay. At 21 years, I was going to retire and Brigadier General Douglas Raaberg, currently deputy director of operations with US Central

Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, convinced me that this service was a calling. Looking back, those four individuals gave me the greatest advice I ever received, because I sure am glad I stayed.

**DA:** What in the military are you passionate about?

**Chief Cobb:** I am passionate about Airmen. At this base alone, there are more than 2,000 Airmen getting paid a minimal amount of money to give their lives for their country. I'm passionate about that and the fact that they deserve all we can get. Whether it's a pat on the back, new dorms, new housing or just a simple little thank you, our Airmen deserve a lot of respect and gratitude. That's what I'm passionate about.

**DA:** If I may ask, for what were you awarded a Bronze Star?

**Chief Cobb:** I received it for a deployment to a forward location in Uzbekistan. During the first seven days of that deployment, we lost six crewmembers in a helicopter crash on March 21, 2003. In June that same year, we repatriated a young Soldier and one of our finest young Airmen back to America after losing their lives. The Bronze Star was presented to me after being command chief at that installation from March to July 2003.

**DA:** What advice would you give to a new Airman?

**Chief Cobb:** My advice is set goals for yourself. Put them on paper. Keep your eye on your goals and keep shooting for those goals. You can do anything you put your mind to. This generation of Airmen will be in history books in the future because they are the next 'Greatest Generation.'

**DA:** What are your plans after you retire?

**Chief Cobb:** My wife, Renee, and I are really excited. We are going to continue to serve by finding and selling homes for our comrades in arms. Renee and I will be setting up an office as real estate agents. My future mission is going to be moves. 'Our mission, your move; success!'

**DA:** Are you looking forward to retirement?

**Chief Cobb:** Yes, I am excited. I'm not one of those guys that would bet I will not cry at my retirement. I've been very emotional over this retirement, but I'm excited about the future and spending time with my wonderful wife, Renee, and our two boys, Chris and Josh. Our priorities in life are God, family and country. I'm looking forward to the next stage so I can dedicate more time to my family.

**DA:** What will you miss most?

**Chief Cobb:** I will miss the people the most and the daily interaction with our Airmen and the ability to take care of them.

**DA:** What is 'Hooty Hoo'?

**Chief Cobb:** That's a great question. Hooty Hoo is a festival that takes place every year in Thomasville, North Carolina to bring in the spring. It's about the birds chirping and the bees humming. It's how I feel everyday serving with you. Hooty Hoo.

# Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage month

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command  
Public Affairs

## Across

1. Bar bill
4. Prohibit
7. Chinese action star \_\_\_\_ Li
10. Hawaiian city
11. Made a mistake
13. After school snack
15. Fe on periodic table
16. Island country of southern Pacific included in API month
17. Hurt
18. Mil. field doctors
20. Czech Republic natives
22. Expression of triumph
24. Mining result
25. Japanese-American MOH recipient/Senator Daniel \_\_\_\_

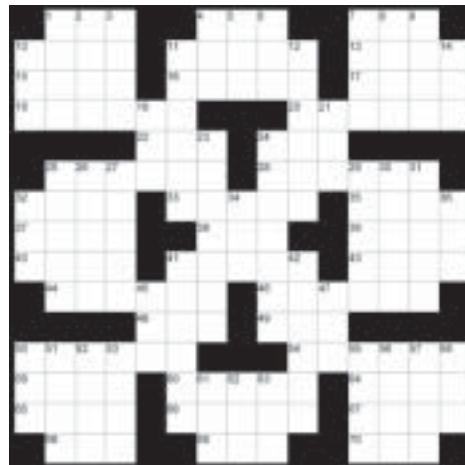
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32. Bank insurer
33. Shiny fabric
35. Music group Sha \_\_\_\_
37. Credit, as in research
38. Mil. area separating ROK/DPRK
39. General's helper
40. Mrs. Dithers in Blondie
41. Liaison
43. Coll. teacher
44. Tennis player Seles
46. Grovel
48. Dog star \_\_\_\_ Tin Tin
49. Crazy \_\_\_\_ loon
50. Deposited a check
54. Breath
59. Sad
60. Model
64. Mil. quick
65. Oracle
66. USN first woman gunnery officer Asian-American Susan Ahn \_\_\_\_

67. Columbus ship
68. First Chinese American officer in USMC Carl Wilbur \_\_\_\_
69. SECDEF's office symbol
70. Gallivant

## Down

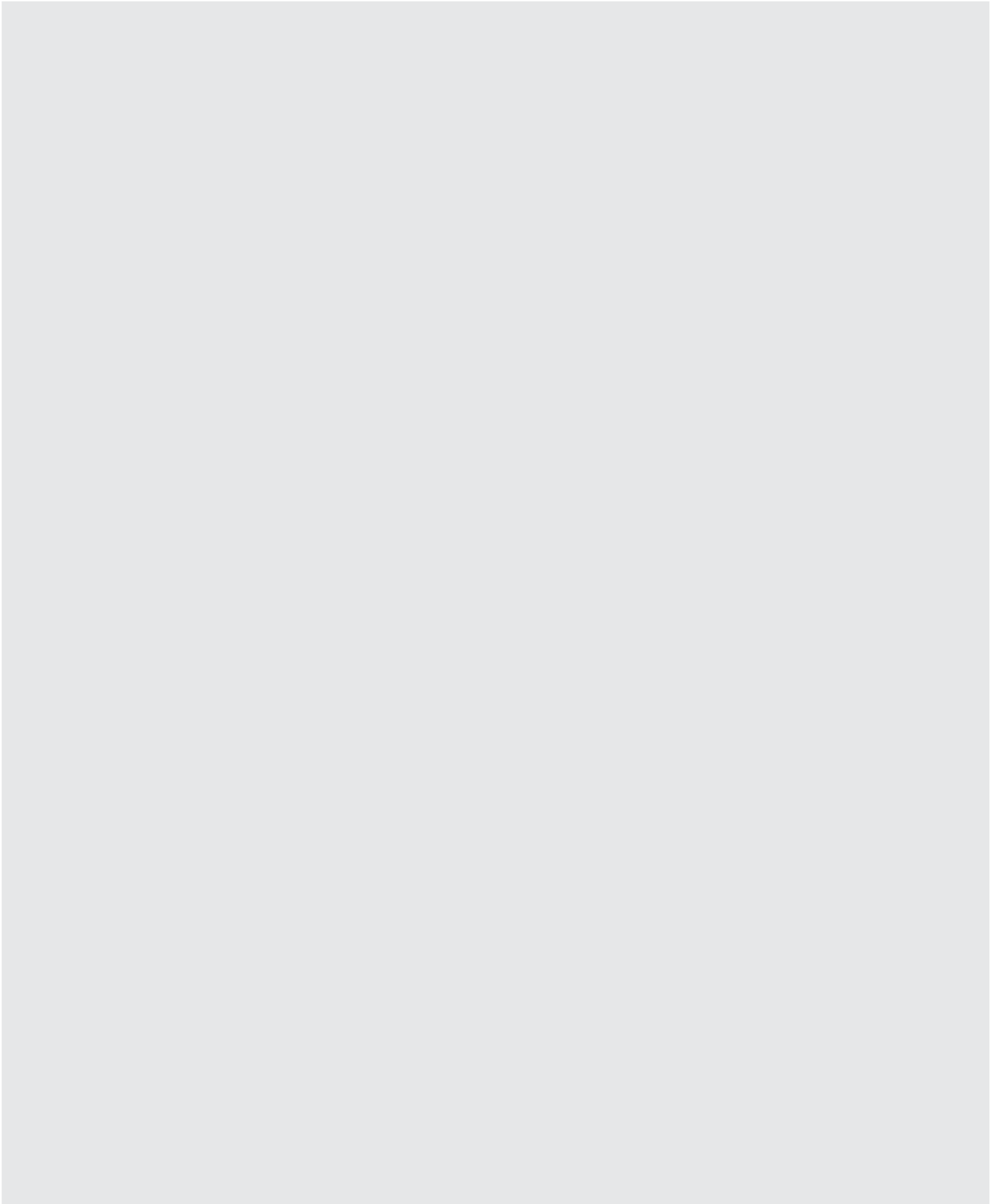
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3. Disallow
4. Women's swimsuit part
5. Appendage
6. Mil. movement of noncombatants
7. Filipino Army Sgt. \_\_\_\_ Calugas; WWII MOH recipient
8. Japanese-American Gen. \_\_\_\_ Shinseki; former Army Chief of Staff
9. Type of USAF Sgt.
10. First Asian-Ameri-

- can to command combat battalion COL Young Oak \_\_\_\_
11. Editorials
12. Synthetic fiber
14. Approves, in short
19. Chinese-American USECDEF for Personnel Dr. David S.C. \_\_\_\_
21. *Pulp Fiction* character
23. Honcho
24. First Asian-American in space Japanese-American Ellison \_\_\_\_
25. Tongue
26. Containing the univalent group NO2
27. Pacific \_\_\_\_; water surrounding API month countries
29. Unsuitable
30. Egyptian city
31. Fund
32. Fed. communications watchdog



(Solutions for this puzzle are on Page 24.)

34. Mil. moving organization
36. USAF deployment set
41. Sour or tart
42. Happily
45. Fury
47. Pale
50. NBC rival
51. Pub orders
52. Middle East canal
53. X marks the spot
55. First Civil War Asian-American USN enlistee William Ah \_\_\_\_
56. Region from where most APIs hale
57. Touch down, as in a plane
58. Fed. environment watchdog
61. Couple
62. Norton and Harris
63. Compute





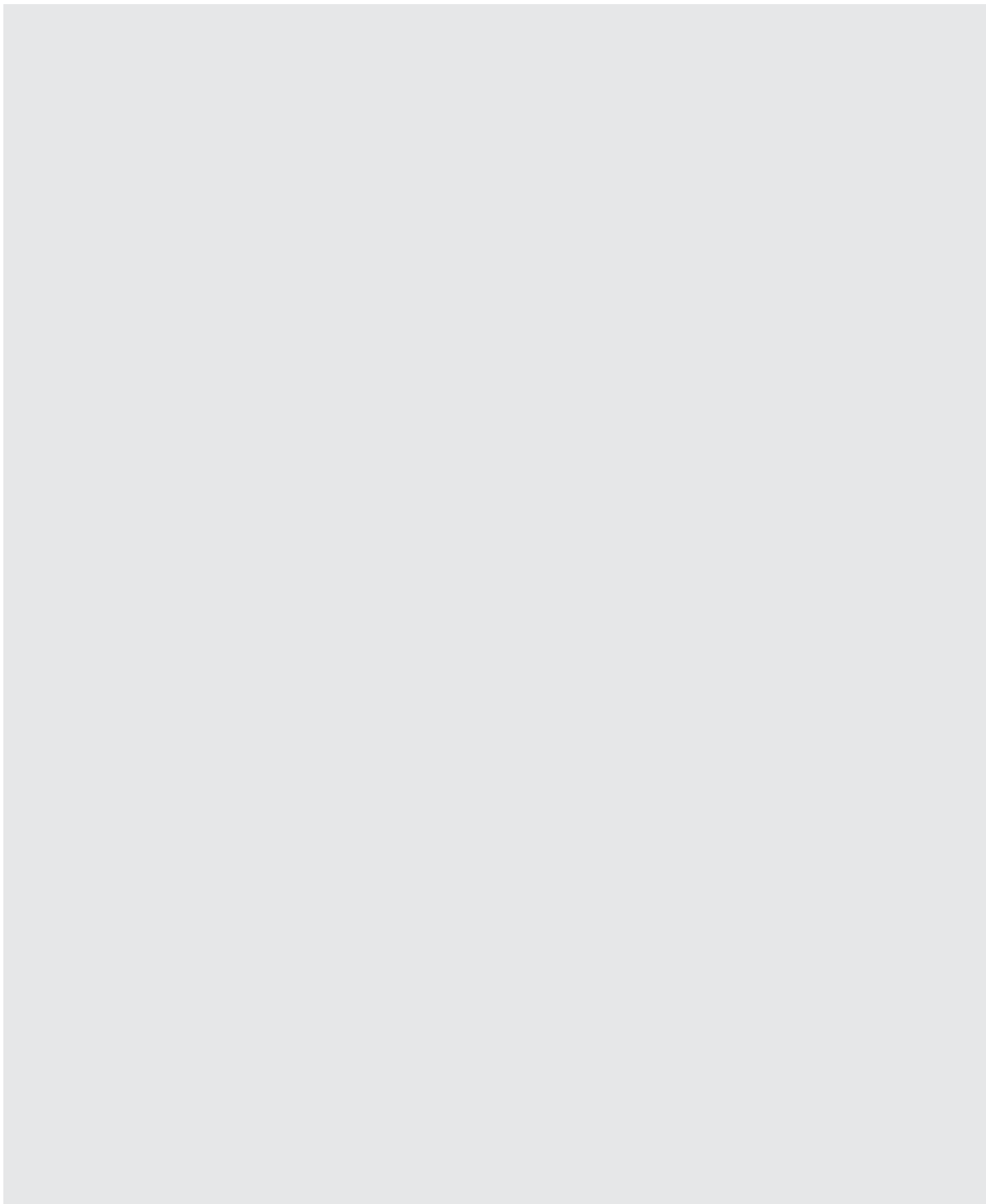




Photo by Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Boarts

A team of 355th Wing Staff tug-of-war participants give their all to the game despite slipping and sliding in mud. The 355th Wing Staff divided into teams in an effort to meet other people on the staff as they competed in a variety of events, including tug-of-war, during Davis-Monthan's Wellness Day.

## TOTAL HEALTH CONCEPT

# D-M hosts day for health of mind, body, soul

**By Stephanie Ritter**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan participated in a Wellness Day April 29. The goal of the event was to help individuals take a day away from their work centers to interact with coworkers in a fun and relaxed environment.

"The last two months have been extremely busy both for the wing and for the installation," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "The time we invest outside the work space returns to us in productivity, morale and a

better understanding of those we work with each day."

The Wellness Day involved Airmen and civilians from across the base participating in a variety of sporting events and outside activities. Several events included kick ball, tug-of-war competitions, sack races, ultimate frisbee, dodgeball, paintball, cook outs and more.

The event helped us emphasize Airmen's personal health, camaraderie and helped us all build up more unit cohesion, said Capt. Gregory Jackson, 355th Wing Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, who had a hand in planning the

activity portion of the event for the 355th Wing staff.

"This kind of interaction ensures that we get out from behind our desks in a health-oriented setting and meet others who we work with," Capt. Jackson said.

But the day included more than just time outdoors playing a variety of sports with coworkers. Several squadrons also took time to eat lunch together as yet another way to encourage personal interaction.

"The day was a great success across the installation," Colonel Spencer said.



Photo by Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Boarts

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, passes before anyone can intercept during Ultimate Frisbee.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Graham

Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte, 355th Communications Squadron competes in an obstacle course event.



Photo by Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Boarts

Col. Ken Edwards, 355th Wing, shows his no-handed sack racing skills during D-M's Wellness Day held April 29.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Graham

Staff Sgt. Mark Owens, 355th Communications Squadron, prepares to catch a frisbee before taking on a defender.

## Sports Shorts

### UDTF Paintball event

The 355th Medical Group will sponsor the next event for the Underage Drinking Task Force: A Paintball Tournament Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Paintball Field. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. The prize will be a free paintball gun rental and range fee. Those who are interested can contact Master Sgt. James Green at 228-2903 or Tech. Sgt. Betsi Keltz or Tech. Sgt. Mark Dee at 228-2680.

### DMWGA winners

Congratulations to Hyesuk Fish, 2005 D-M Women's Golf Association Club Champion. She finished with a three round tournament total of 264. Coming from behind to win the First Flight was Pat Horton. Carol Crothers captured second flight honors and third flight winner was Natalie Ashburn.

### Services Expo

In honor of May Fitness Month, the 355th Services Squadron will

host a Fitness Services Expo at the Sports and Fitness Center May 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of demonstrations and fitness activities throughout the day. In addition, local and national sponsors will be on hand to answer health questions and provide product samples. There will also be fitness demonstrations and a special demo by the Health and Wellness Center's Boot Camp director. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day. For more information regarding this event, call 228-0022.

### Cardboard Boat Race

Squadrons should select their teams now for the Cardboard Boat Race, which will be held May 20 during the Fitness Services Expo at the D-M Sports and Fitness Center Pool. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and at 8:30 a.m. the registered teams receive their supplies and will begin to build their boats. At 9:30 a.m., teams will present their boat to be entered into the race and at 10 a.m., the race will begin. The basic rules of the event are that the boats are required to look like a boat and the sides must be 12 inches or higher. In addition, each

team must have four members; a Skipper, First Mate and two Deck Hands. All supplies for the race will be provided by the D-M Community Center and 355th Wing Safety Office. For more information, or to enter a team in the race, visit the Community Center or call 228-3717.

### Cochise Stronghold hike

Cochise Stronghold is located in Arizona's Dragoon Mountains. This six-mile hike through woodland areas is May 28. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Those interested should sign up by May 26. For more information, call 228-3736.

### Charity golf tournament

There is a charity golf tournament June 3 at D-M's Blanchard Golf Course. All proceeds will be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southern Arizona. The tournament will feature a four-person scramble from the white tees and will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost of \$30 per person includes cart and green fees. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Brandon Hess at 228-0684 or at [brandon.hess@dm.af.mil](mailto:brandon.hess@dm.af.mil) Master

Sgt. Danny Porterfield at 228-2311 or at [robert.porterfield@dm.af.mil](mailto:robert.porterfield@dm.af.mil).

## Intramurals

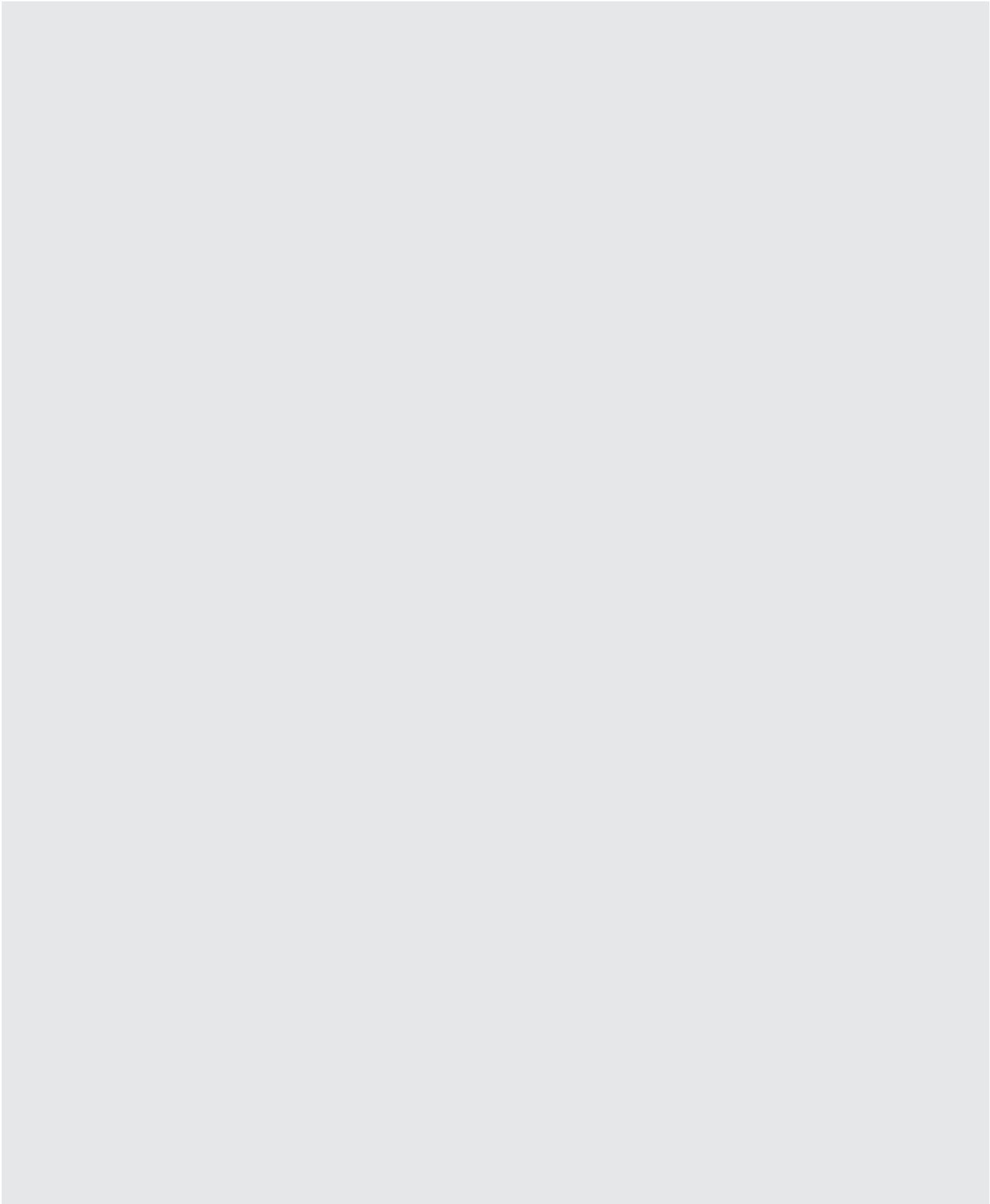
The following softball intramural scores are current as of Monday

### Monday/Wednesday

Team	W-L-T
SFS	6-0-0
12 AF 1	6-0-0
CES	4-1-0
MDG	3-2-0
CS	3-2-0
LRS	3-3-0
EMS	3-3-0
25 OWS	3-3-0
563 RQS	3-3-0
CMS 2	2-4-0
CONS	2-4-0
AMARC	1-4-0
ARMY	0-6-0
355 OSS	0-6-0

### Tuesday/Thursday

Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS	4-0-0
CMS 1	3-1-0
755 AMXS	3-1-0
DECA	3-2-0
Chiefs	2-2-0
12 AF 2	2-2-0
755 OSS	1-2-0
563 MXS	1-2-0
WOMEN'S	1-3-0
CPTS	0-5-0





## Chapel Information

*Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.*

### Catholic Mass schedule

**Saturday:** First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Sunday:** Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

### Protestant Services schedule

**Sunday:** Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

### Prayer Wall

The Base Chapel offers a Prayer Wall in the Desert Dove Chapel, which displays pictures and names of deployed Airmen. Those who wish to pray for deployed Airmen, or who would just like to visit the wall, are invited to stop by the Desert Dove Chapel. Those who would like to submit a name or a picture for the Prayer Wall can contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Sturgill at 228-5411 or send an e-mail to [timothy.sturgill@dm.af.mil](mailto:timothy.sturgill@dm.af.mil).

## Education Services

### Pima Community College

Summer classes begin at PCC May 23. Students can now register. The next graduation application deadline is June 30 for August graduation. In addition, students can sign up to take a variety of College Level Examination Program tests. To schedule a CLEP, call 206-4866 or visit Building 3200, Room 224.

### Park University

Summer classes at Park University begin May 30 and end July 24. Online classes begin June 6 and end July 31. To make an appointment to speak with an advisor, visit Building 3200, room 240 or call 748-8266.

### U of A bookstore hours

For the On-Base School Term III, the University of Arizona bookstore will operate Tuesday through May 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 23 through 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the bookstore at 228-1160 or the Base Training and Education Services office and speak to Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### Officer Training School

The OTS August 2005 Selection Board has been changed to a Non-Technical Board only. The rated portion of the board has been cancelled. The Fiscal 2006 Board schedule will

change from four boards to three. The first board for Fiscal 2006 will be held in January 2006 which is earlier than previously stated. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### Commissioning briefings for May

The commissioning briefings for February will be May 24 at 10 a.m. and will cover Officer Training School/Air Force Academy Programs. The second briefing will be May 26 at 2 p.m. and will cover Reserve Officer Training Corps and Medical Programs. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### FAFSA update

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used to apply for any federal student aid. This is a free service from the U.S. Department of Education. The application is used to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study and students loans. Most colleges and universities use the FAFSA to determine their own scholarship and grant awards. The application is available on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## Family Support Center

### Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday and May 17 from 9 to 10 a.m. It is mandatory for Airmen who are separating or retiring and will acquaint them with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. Class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Medical Right Start is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

### Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the Family Support Center's Sponsorship Class Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3210. This class is required for sponsors and covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Time For Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday and May 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

### Discovery Resources Center

The Davis-Monthan community is reminded

that the Family Support Center has a Discovery Resources Center packed with information to help individuals achieve their career goals. They also have information on family matters, job hunting and access to local community resources. Stop by to check out their new computers. For more information, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### Housing Beautification Week

The annual Family Housing Beautification Week will be held this year during the week of May 23. Beautification week is designed to promote family housing yard care and beautification awareness. This is an opportunity for all residents to fix-up, clean-up and spruce-up their yards and carports. Selections of yards/exterior will be made to determine the winner of the Family Housing Beautification Week award. There will be signs posted in the yard and prizes given to the winners. There will not be a bulk pick-up this year so residents are responsible for removing their own refuse and green waste. All refuse can be delivered to the Recycle Center located on Yuma Road. In addition, housing residents may check out various yard tools, receive grass seed or just ask questions at the Home Improvement Center, located on the corner of Phantom Drive and National Boulevard Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Carol Mares at 228-6609.

### JROTC instructors needed

The Air Force is in need of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructors as it is opening 48 new Junior ROTC units in high schools in 21 states, with more to follow. The new units will be ready for cadets at the beginning of the 2005 to 2006 school year. To meet the expansion goal, the Air Force needs a total of 35 officers and 60 NCOs to serve in the new units. They are looking for Airmen who want to use the skills they learned and the education they received in the Air Force to prepare high school students to take their place as tomorrow's citizens. Retired Airmen interested in becoming Junior ROTC instructors must have retired from active duty within the last five years. In some cases, the five-year requirement may be waived up to 10 years, based on applicant qualifications and the needs of the program. Airmen on active duty may apply for positions when they are within six months of their retirement date. Officers must have a bachelor's degree or higher and NCOs must have a high school diploma or equivalent, but an associate's degree or better is desirable. In the future, all applicants will need to have at least an associate's degree. For more information regarding the program, call (866) 235-7862, extension 35275 or 35300 or DSN 493-5275 or 493-5300. Information is also available at [www.afoats.af.mil](http://www.afoats.af.mil).

### D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

# A home-team win

## D-M Airman gets top score during Chess Tournament

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 2005 Air Force Chess Tournament concluded at the D-M Community Center May 6.

Each year major commands select two players to attend the Air Force tournament, said Margaret Barnett, Air Force Services Agency Family Member Programs Division, San Antonio, Texas. Players are either selected by entering a MAJCOM tournament or by resume.

After a week-long tournament, the top six players are selected as the Air Force Chess Team. These players will go on to participate in the Interservice Tournament, which will be hosted by the Army this year at Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. June 5 to 11.

The Air Force Tournament at D-M was a seven-round Swiss style tournament, said Elaine Guinzy, 355th Services Squadron Desert Lightning Community Center Recre-

ational Specialist. This year we had 17 participants.

Friday, the final scores revealed a three-way tie with three players each getting five out of a possible seven points. One of the top scorers was Staff Sgt. Robert Keough, 563rd Operations Support Squadron.

"The competition was tough and the experience was great," Sergeant Keough said. "I want to thank everyone involved and those who supported me. I'm looking forward to competing in the Interservice Chess Championships."

From the Interservice Tournament, six players will be selected to represent the U.S. military at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization tournament, which will be held in Kolobrzeg, Poland Aug. 7 through 12.

Sergeant Keough, who was the 2004 Air Force tournament top finisher, said he is looking forward to the possibility of competing in the NATO tournament again this year.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Smith, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Ola,

Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., were the other two players who tied with Sergeant Keough.

"When there is a tie the high score is determined by tie-break rules discussed before the tournament," Ms. Barnett said. "Ron Braud, our tournament director, figures out the results."

After the results were configured, it was determined that Sergeant Keough was the top scorer.

The other three top finishers who each received four and a half points and who also go on to compete during the Interservice tournament were Col. Sam Echaure, Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; Tech. Sgt. Dan Ranario, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England; and Master Sgt. Oliver Dela Cruz, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

Airmen participant in the Air Force Chess Tournament, held at the Desert Lightning Community Center May 2 through 6. Seventeen Airmen competed and six will move on to compete June 5 to 11 in the Interservice Tournament held in Virginia.



Courtesy photos

Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander, congratulates Staff Sgt. Robert Keough, 563rd Operations Support Squadron, on his top score during the Air Force Chess Tournament.

## Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

### Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program at the Base Library begins June 2 and continues until July 28. The goal of the program is to encourage children to spend a smarter summer reading. Registration begins Monday. For more information, visit [www.dmlibrary.org](http://www.dmlibrary.org) or call 228-4381.

### Preschool Summer Camp

Parents can now sign up for the Davis-Monthan Preschool Summer Camp program at the D-M Child Development Center. Summer Camp sessions will be two weeks long and each will have a theme for the session. Parents can sign up for one or all of the sessions. Children will attend sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. May 16 through 27, June 6 through 17 and June 20 through July 1. Fees are based on total family income and range from \$27 to \$57 per session. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee for each session. This fee will be credited toward the tuition for the session. Children must have turned three years by Dec. 31 and must be completely potty trained. Parents need to bring shot records and a Leave and Earning Statement form to registration as well as an emergency contact person other than the parent. For more information, call 228-3336.

### Disneyland, California Adventure Trip

There is a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure June 10 through 12. Guests will stay at the Castle Inn Hotel. The cost of \$200 includes transportation and hotel. Tickets are not included in the price but are available for purchase at Information, Tickets and Travel. One-day passes are \$45 for adults and \$38 for

children. Two-day passes are \$90 for adults and \$74 for children. Those interested should sign up by May 6. For more information, call 228-3736.

### D-M Auto Skills Center Overnighter

The Auto Skills Center is the place to go for oil changes to major overhauls. State-of-the-art automotive equipment is available on a self-help or technician-assisted basis. In addition to the drive-in bays with their hydraulic lifts, patrons can paint their cars, rebuild their engines and do many other auto repairs and preventive maintenance routines.

The Auto Skills Center will be open for 36 hours straight from 8:30 a.m. May 20 until 9 p.m. May 21. This will provide shift personnel and personnel with large jobs that cannot be completed in a couple of hours the opportunity to work on their vehicles for an extended period of time. Auto Skills will provide pizza at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. May 20. For more information, visit the center in Building 4531 or call 228-3614.